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Tuesday, June 5: EXCOM Meeting

Meeting starts at 5:30PM At Teco Plaza

Register online at <http://time2meet.com/fwcs-excom/index.html>

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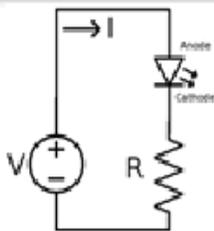
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 White Book Seminar**

On Friday, May 18, 2012 your PE/IA Chapter held another in our series of Industry Applications (IA) Color Book Seminars. The “White Book” on design of Medical Facilities had a very good attendance with presentations by Curtis Latzo and George Johnson. A special thanks to them for sharing their knowledge and experience with us. Those in attendance were able to ask questions and discuss issues with the instructors and their peers.

Our next Color Book Seminar is currently being discussed by the PE/IA Planning Team, so if you have a particular book you are interested in, let us know by contacting Serge Beauzile, the FWCS PE/IA Chair at 863-834-6511 or serge.beauzile@ieee.org.

**Your SP/COMM Chapter
 Need Your Help!**

We are always on the look-out for topics of interest for meetings and tours, so we are requesting your help. We need your thoughts and suggestions for planning our upcoming meetings. If you know of a good topic, speaker, or location for a meeting, let us know. And, if you willing to help plan one of these meeting through contacts you might have, that would be extremely helpful.

Please contact Hector Martinez, your SP/COMM Chapter Chair with any and all suggestions, comments, or questions – abelhect@hotmail.com.

**Please Help us Keep
 Your WIE Chapter Active**

Do you want to keep the Society of Women in Engineering Active in the Florida West Coast? Then we urgently need your help. We need your thoughts and suggestions for planning our upcoming meetings to reach out for Women in Engineering. If you know of a good topic, speaker, or location for a meeting, let us know.

Please contact Valerie Tur, your WIE Chapter Chair with any and all suggestions, comments, or questions – Valerie.tur@rexelusa.com or (813) 313-7608

PACE / TISP Update

The IEEE was invited to participate in the 57th Florida Science and Engineering Fair on April 4th at the Lakeland Center. Nancy Besley asked judges to report to the George Jenkins Arena by 8am. ASME member Karen Malesky and IEEE member David Figueroa, were present to judge. After debriefing, I was asked to interview Junior Physics Students. All the students who participated were the best finalists from Regional Science Fairs all over Florida . During the morning session, the judges put the students into categories of Focus or Orbital. After lunch, I interviewed the Focus Group which would be rank the exceptional students to progress to the International Science Fair. The Orbital Judges would interview the other students. It was truly an exceptional experience!

PROFESSIONAL STUDY DAY REQUESTS:

Please forward requests from your school to my email: venner20@ieee.org to schedule a presentation. Most School Districts have their Professional Study Days before school resumes in the fall.



FWCS PES UTILITY USERS GROUP MEETING
ARC FLASH REMEDIATION



Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2012
 Time: 9:00AM – 1:00PM
 Speaker: Thomas Blair, P.E., Senior Consulting Engineer, TECO
 George Bolos, P.E., Consulting Engineer, TECO
 Location: 13031 Wyandotte Road, Apollo Beach, FL 33572
 Cost: FREE (a snack will be provided)
 RSVP: Online at: <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r3/floridawc/>
 (Select Reservations)
 Questions: Tom Blair at 813-228-1111, ext 48179 or tom_blair@ieee.org

Your IEEE PES West Coast Chapter is starting a local utility users group where we plan to meet once every few months and discuss current topics of interest to local utilities. We hope to share our lessons learned with other fellow utility engineers and provide an additional benefit of IEEE membership for utility engineers.

Currently, the following topics will be scheduled for discussion in future meetings.

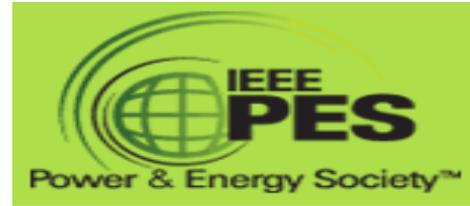
- Arc Flash Labeling and Remediation
- NERC/CIP Compliance Efforts
- Substation / Generation Station Upgrade Efforts
- Substation / Distribution System Automation
- Generation Station Relay Upgrades
- Distribution Monitoring Equipment Upgrades.

If there are other topics of interest, please email us and let us know what topics would be beneficial for the group.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, July 18 at the Tampa Electric Big Bend Power Station where TECO will present their work on Arc Flash Remediation. Tampa Electric Engineers will present a case study of an arc flash remediation project at a utility electrical generation facility. We review the engineering technologies and safe work practices utilized to reduce the arc flash incident energy values at an existing electric utility generation facility. An initial engineering study was performed of a 40 year old facility to determine the arc flash incident energy values at various pieces of equipment at the station. After the initial engineering study was completed, a second phase of the project was undertaken to reduce these values. Several technical challenges unique to the electric utility industry had to be overcome to substantially reduce incident energy levels. Examples of such challenges were how to address incident energy values on electrical equipment directly connected to large generators such as station service breakers and how to address the substantially large values of arcing current due to the size of onsite generation (about 1500 MW of generation capacity) all of which lead to large values of incident energy levels at some locations at generation facilities. This meeting will present the engineering design solutions and the safe work practices that were implemented to address these and other challenges at the electric utility generation facility to reduce incident energy levels and improve electrical safety at the station. The result of the arc flash remediation project was that final arc flash values were substantially reduced. At one location, after the initial engineering study performed in phase 1 of the project, the electrical distribution system for one unit was found to have 69% of the electrical equipment with incident energy levels greater than 8 cal/cm². After the completion of phase 2 of the arc flash remediation project, all of this equipment had the incident energy levels reduced to values below 8 cal/cm².



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Tour of Pinellas County Waste to Energy Facility

Date: Thursday, June 14, 2012
Time: 3:00PM - 5:00PM. (meet at 2:45PM Administration Building)
Location: 3095 114th Ave N, St. Petersburg, Fl., 33716
Cost: Free for IEEE Members, \$20 Non-Members,
RSVP: Online at: <http://time2meet.com/fwcs-pes2/index.html>

NOTE: *THIS TOUR IS LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE*

Special Requirements: must wear long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes. You will be provided with safety gear such as eye protection and hardhats prior to your tour of the WTE facility.

Questions: Claude Pitts at 727.418.5272 or claude.pitts@ieee.org

Come join your PE/IA Chapter for an educational Tour of the Pinellas County Waste to Energy Facility, St. Petersburg Florida. This is a walking tour of an active facility and participants **MUST** wear long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes. You will be provided with safety gear such as eye protection and hardhats prior to your tour of the WTE facility. Be advised that you will get dusty/dirty during this tour and you will need to dress accordingly.

This site tour will take approximately two (2) hours and will include the landfill, recycling operations and the WTE power generation facility.

Some general information from the Waste to Energy website- . The Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility has the capacity to burn 3,150 tons of garbage every day. The WTE facility processes about one million tons of garbage every year. The process can produce up to 75 megawatts (MW) per hour of electricity. It sells about 60 MW to Progress Energy for distribution within the community, and the remainder powers the plant itself. This electricity powers approximately 45,000 homes and businesses every day. The WTE facility uses state-of-the-art air pollution control technology, which continuously monitors WTE emissions, ensuring the plant's emissions fall within the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standards.

Ash generated from the combustion of solid waste is transferred to the adjacent Residue Storage and Processing Building. Here, the ash is size-separated using screens, and both ferrous (steel) and non-ferrous (aluminum) metals are recovered from the ash using mechanical equipment such as magnets and eddy currents. The recovered metals are sold to steel mills and smelters for recycling, and the remaining ash is used for landfill cover and interior site berms and roadways.

[Map & Directions](#) The group will meet at the Administration Building at 2:45 PM for the tour.



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IEEE-USA's Free E-Books to Members in May & June Feature Innovation & Finding the Perfect Job

WASHINGTON (15 May 2012) -- As a special benefit to IEEE members in May, IEEE-USA is offering a free e-book, "**Innovation Conversations, Book 1: The Innovation Process.**" In June, the free e-book will be "**Launching Your Career, Book 1: How to Find Your Perfect Job.**"

Innovation means much more than just coming up with creative ideas; those ideas have to be put to work to create a benefit. Innovation can be seen as a journey that starts with setting a purpose or goal and blossoms into innovative achievement and new learning. Along the way, innovative thinking is required. So is knowledge and values.

In "Innovation Conversations," renowned innovation author, William C. Miller, provides a way for readers to understand the process of innovation. And he demonstrates how people of any technical job can apply it to the challenges and opportunities they find in their day-to-day work.

"Innovation Conversations, Book 1: The Innovation Process" can be downloaded at <http://www.ieeeusa.org/communications/ebooks/files/vijis2812/Innovation-Styles-Book1.pdf> for **free to IEEE members**. The nonmember price is \$7.99.

IEEE-USA's free e-book in June, "Launching Your Career Book 1: How to Find Your Perfect Job," will help you define your personal, long-term career goals and provide a practical roadmap to assist in finding your ideal job.

Author Abby Vogel Robinson provides tools and assessments to enable you to evaluate your personality and aspirations, find a great company to work for, choose the best position for you and build your network. Your career decisions will play a major role in determining your income, community status, circle of friends, choice of a spouse -- and even your identity and sense of self-worth. It will also help you choose wisely and carefully and get you started toward personal and professional fulfillment.

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Negotiating Secrets for Engineers - Get What you Want When you Want it

June 20, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

TECO Plaza

You know WHAT you want, but do you know HOW to get it? For the first time ever, the IEEE's Florida West Coast PACE group is proud to present exactly what you've been looking for: a seminar that will teach you how to prepare for and WIN your next negotiation! No matter if you are asking your boss for a raise, trying to get the best deal from a vendor, or even if you are just trying to get the best deal on your next car, then this is the seminar that you MUST attend!

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